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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 22,1998

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#98-79 People v. Garcia, S059302. (D024998.) Unpublished opinion. Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense.

#98-80 <u>People</u> v. <u>Gentry</u>, S069817. (B103738; 62 Cal.App.4th 643.)

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Garcia and Gentry both concern whether a juvenile adjudication qualifies as a "strike" if it is for conduct which is defined as a serious felony but which is not listed under Welfare and Institutions Code section 707(b).

#98-81 <u>Truck Insurance Exchangev. Superior Court</u>, S070048. (B117294; 62 Cal.App.4th 789.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal granted a petition for peremptory writ of mandate. This case presents an issue, concerning whether general liability insurance polices can ever provide coverage for losses

which are pleaded as breaches of contract, which is related to an issue before the court in <u>Vandenberg</u> v. <u>Superior Court</u>, S067115. (See #98-40.)

#98-82 White v. Ultramar, Inc., S070177. (D023907; 62 Cal.App.4th 939.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment in a civil action. This case presents an issue, concerning whether an action for wrongful discharge in violation of public policy may be brought when the claimed policy is not established by a statute, which is related to an issue before the court in Green v. Ralee Engineering Co, S060370. (See # 97-82.)

#98-83 People v. Williams, S069793. (B107234.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed and remanded a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. This case concerns whether the statute of limitations is jurisdictional or is an affirmative defense which must be pled in a criminal proceeding.

STATUS

#97-53 <u>People</u> v. <u>Reyes</u>, S058825, was again ordered submitted for decision.

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